



State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Berryessa Estates Shaded Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	Berryessa Estates, Pope Valley Ca 94567	COUNTY	Napa
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Creation of a shaded fuel break to the east of the homes that lay within the Berryessa Estates Community off Snell Valley Rd. The project is designed to protect homes by reducing the fuel hazard behind them. Practice components of the shaded fuel break are restricted to pruning existing trees 10-12ft up the base to remove fuel "ladders", thinning pole-sized trees (less than 6dbh), and manual removal of flammable shrubs, such as chemise, manzanita and broom. Selective thinning and vegetation removal is restricted to a corridor approximately 100 to 200 feet to the east of the community. The ground will not be disturbed. Slash from the project will be piled and burned during the off fire season and after it has dried for a minimum of 30 days to reduce the smoke production.

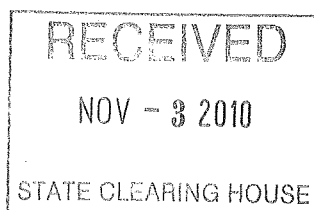
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class §15304 Minor Alterations to land  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

14CRC Section 15304(i) allows minor alteration of vegetation, including fuel management activities within 100 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at 4454 Knoxville Berryessa Rd, Napa Ca.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



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